



Lisa's active participation and interest throughout the process of working with VR made her success story possible. VR assisted Lisa in the purchase of a standing wheelchair, this enabled her to fulfill her dream of returning to a job she loves.

"It's good to have expectations and hopes, but when you don't have the money to back it up, it's hard." Lisa said of VR, "If it weren't for them, I wouldn't be where I am now."

Lisa Shore

Lisa Shore-Wilber



After years of many different jobs, Dave Wesson has found the career he loves, thanks to the help of VR. VR helped Dave determine an appropriate career choice, then assisted with the training. Dave received lots of motivational support along the way.

"I feel that Vocational Rehabilitation has changed my life because it's given me a career that I can look forward to going and doing every day," Wesson said. "It's not just a job, it's given me a whole different outlook on life, it's given me a whole new life."

Dave Wesson

Dave Wesson-Omaha



Daniele Williams realized her lifelong dream of owning her own home-based business, Daniele's BodySole, with assistance from the VR office in Lincoln and the Abilities Fund.

"VR helped me find myself. They gave me the education to find out my other strength, what I was good at. One of my strengths is being a business owner, and it was one of my dreams. So, they helped me with my strength and my dream and Voc Rehab has definitely been a blessing."

Daniele Williams

Daniele Williams-Lincoln



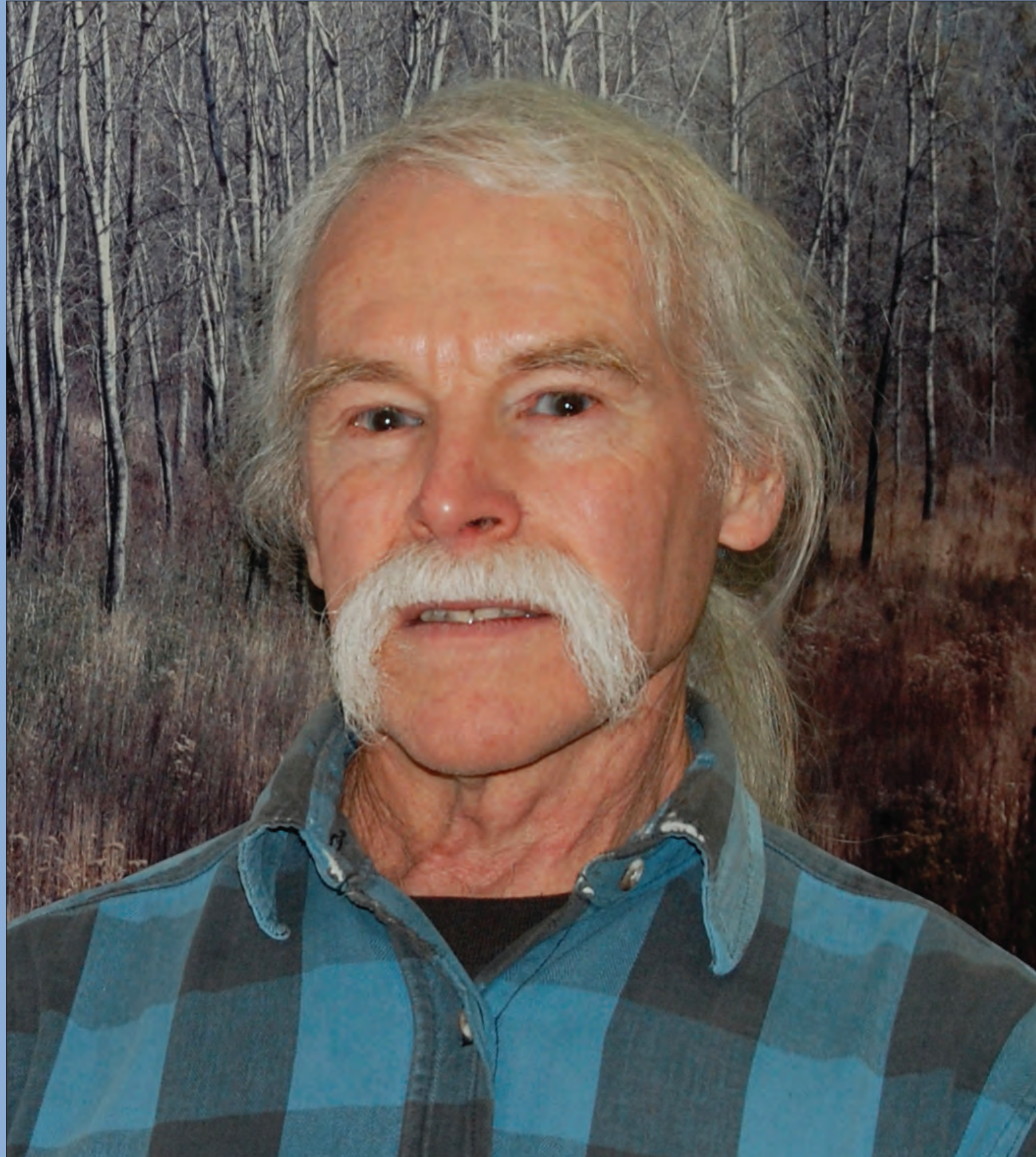
With the support of her parents and financial assistance from VR, college student Lisa Moody is accomplishing her goal to become a Speech-Language Pathologist.

Lisa reminds others that just because you have a disability, it does not mean you can't live your life like everyone else.

"I know that, at times, having a disability can really get you down," Moody said. "Stand up for yourself and show the world that you can make a difference and that you can succeed at anything."

Lisa Moody

Lisa Moody-Wakefield



After years of being an activist for the Nebraska ecosystem, "Buffalo Bruce" as he is nicknamed, turned his passion into a full time job with assistance from VR. He is the Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Western Nebraska Resources Council in Chadron.

"Voc Rehab (VR) is helping me fulfill my dreams of working with and enhancing student's minds to get them outdoors to the wildland and educate them. It also provides more freedom for me and I couldn't do it as well without them."

Charles "Buffalo Bruce" McIntosh

Charles "Bruce" McIntosh - Chadron

Welcome to
*Monarch
Massage*



Betsy Wagner credits VR and the Abilities Fund with helping her start her home based massage therapy business, Monarch Massage. VR assisted with the purchase of equipment and the development and organization of her business plan.

"It's a great service of the community that can help you be successful at your own job," Wagner said. "Voc Rehab (VR) has given me a backbone for my business and has helped me to stand tall."

Betsy Wagner

Betsy Wagner-Lincoln



Andy Fraire is a recent graduate of VR's Project SEARCH program, where he received on-the-job training and educational opportunities to help him gain employment after high school. As a result of the training, Andy is now employed at the Saint Francis Medical Center.

"I like my job because it makes me feel like I did a good job and did my work well," Fraire said. "And, it makes me feel good when the boss says that I did a good job in my work. Hearing that makes me feel very proud of myself."

Andy Fraire

Andy Fraire-Grand Island



Susan Kuipers needed worksite accommodations to help her with her job duties as the receptionist at a law firm. VR and Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) have provided stepstools, tables and a custom built keyboard tray to help Susan be productive and comfortable.

"They (VR) have come up with more ideas than I would have thought of," Kuipers said. "They are super people that will bend over backwards to help you get back into the real world and working and being a productive citizen so that you feel good about yourself."

Susan Kuipers

Susan Kuipers-Papillion



Every day is an adventure for Jack Mann as he operates Brady Get-N-Go, which includes a fuel station, a tire shop, a deli market, a grocery store, a convenience store and a liquor store all in one building. VR and the Abilities Fund helped him create a business plan for the store and provided financial assistance to get started.

"God picked me up out of the gutter of alcoholism and between Voc Rehab (VR) and the Abilities Fund, I got a new start," Mann said. "It's been quite the ride."

Jack Mann

Jack Mann-Brady